

REMARKS

Status of Application

Claims 1-10 were pending in this application. In the Office Action mailed April 10, 2009, claims 1-10 were rejected.

By this amendment, claims 1-5 and 7-9 are pending as currently amended. Claim 11 is new. Claims 6 and 10 are cancelled. No new matter is introduced by these amendments, which are fully supported by the specification.

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any withdrawn, cancelled, or non-elected claims and/or subject matter in separate applications.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

Claim 10 was rejected as being non-statutory. By this amendment, claim 10 is cancelled and claim 11 is statutory.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1-10 were rejected as anticipated by Rogers et al. (US 6,091,841). In brief, the Examiner stated that Rogers et al. teach that some part-images of objects can be “clustered” and arranged in the displayed image.

Applicants respectfully submit that Rogers et al. does not anticipate Applicants claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11, as amended herein, which refer to part-images being a marker image and a body part image. Rogers et al. specifically disclaim any consideration of a marker image in order to avoid “false positive indications lying outside of the breast tissue area.” (Rogers et al., col. 5, lines 4-8, Fig. 3)

Thus, this rejection can be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11 as amended distinguish patentably from the references of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11.

Should any questions remain, Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at the number provided.

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